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It's time out for membership intake Prospective members at standstill after recent allegations

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In response to the recent events that have taken place on campus, President George C. Wright has placed a moratorium, or temporary hold, on new membership intake processes involving all organizations on campus.

Over the course of the past week there have been a number of questions surrounding the death of Donnie Wade. Some university officials have suspected that the circumstances surrounding Wade's death might be linked to inappropriate acts that are in violation of the university's code of conduct. According to recent reports, Wade's early morning run was part of a process he was being forced to participate in while attempting to join an organization.

The university is using this opportunity to review its policies and procedures related to membership intake to make sure it is doing everything feasible to protect the students.

Wright said, "In a meeting that took

place earlier this summer, I pleaded with all the organizations to make certain they follow all procedures when conducting the induction process. I feel as if students haven't complied with my request, because they have chosen to beat around the bush while involving themselves in inappropriate actions."

According to Wright, the Organization Review Board (ORB), made the moratorium decision based upon several critical factors. First, the university thinks that many students don't see actions that surround hazing as wrong. Secondly, the university thinks that students have created a code of silence against actions of wrongdoing, called "no snitching." The third factor surrounding the board's decision was based on a personal concern of the university president.

Wright explained, "I am in my seventh year as president here at Prairie View, and in each of 12 semesters I've spent here, there has been a complaint or a report made about hazing or inappropriate behavior. We made this decision to ensure that students know how to police themselves when doing extracurricular activities. I'm all for student

organizations, if their membership processes are done accordingly."

According to Wright, Wade's death hasn't been the only incident surrounding hazing. At the first home football game last year, the band was inactive due to an investigation related to hazing. Shortly after, eight young women in the band, including one who suffered a concussion, were allegedly hazed by four of their superiors in the band. Months later, Wright said, he received a phone call from a student's parent making a claim that her child had bruises on his body from hazing by members of an organization he was aspiring to join.

Dr. Lauretta F. Byars, vice president for institutional relations and public services, said, "Over the past two semesters, we've had a number of incidents surrounding hazing that have been investigated. That led us to believe that despite all of the efforts that we put in place, we needed to review our policies and procedures to make sure they are effective and that students will abide by them."

With the indefinite hold placed on new member inductions into student organi-

zations, it seems as if there won't be a probate show this fall. However, the hold is not limited to Greek organizations on campus. In fact, due to the recent decision made by the university, Beta Gamma Sigma a non-Greek organization had to cancel its honor society induction ceremony which was scheduled for Oct. 28.

Brandon Green, an LCM from building 43 and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., said, "Our main objective is to assist young men in becoming positive role models. I feel by suspending Greek life on campus, the university is taking away the heritage of our campus and also destroying one of the main attractions of our campus as far as student activities are concerned."

Sheleah Hughes, director of public relations, said, "Seeing how less than five percent of students are involved in MIP related organizations, I don't think that it will affect the student body much. I hope that this will affect how those who are in Greek organizations and those who strive to be in Greek organizations feel about the pledging process. I feel as if they need to reinvent themselves and form positive structures."

Hazing: PV voices opinions on federal crime

By Nastashia Matlock
and Jessica Ferguson

Panther Staff

Every day, all over the nation, people take part in membership intake processes that include hazing. This not only occurs in college, for fraternities and sororities, but in high schools, gangs, sports organizations and even the workplace.

To fully understand the concept of hazing and make a good judgment of whether it has been taken too far or not, we must figure out just what hazing is. Prairie View's Office of Student Activities and Leadership defines hazing as "any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off the campus of Prairie View A&M, by one person alone or acting with others, directed at a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of the student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at Prairie View A&M University." The definition can refer to either physical or mental and sometimes violent, possibly degrading practices.

Syndicated columnist Natasha Josefowitz says that hazing is a way in which senior members of the organization establish their seniority and dominance. It tests the loyalty of prospective members, pushes them to let go of their old identities and loyalties to other organizations, and it makes membership something to be valued.

The sad thing about hazing is that most victims don't even realize that they are being hazed. Sometimes hazing is something as simple as having to wake up at 6 a.m. and call a member of the organization. Many do not realize that this is a form of hazing simply because they are not being physically harmed, but it is considered hazing because it is out of the prospective member's ordinary character.

Hazing is often viewed as both a controversial and opinionated matter.

"My viewpoint is not the opinion of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I speak alone and as a person who was on both sides of the spectrum," said Erica Newman, a member. "I don't think that in today's society individuals actually understand what hazing is because people are so busy on a witch-hunt and consider any and everything hazing. Hazing is being made to do something that a person doesn't want to do."

The definitions are often toughly debated between both undergraduate and grad-



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

When is enough really enough?: Students continue to haze despite warnings from the university and federal laws.

uate chapters.

"People in graduate chapters making decisions for an undergraduate chapter is where a lot of the problems transpire," said Newman. "A lot of individuals who pledged graduate chapters do not understand the undergraduate process because they didn't experience nor go through it and the processes are not the same."

Hazing is quite prevalent in our society and even here on our very own campus.

Last week, Donnie Wade, a prospective member of an on-campus organization, died. His death is thought to be the result of hazing. He might be just one of many fatalities that result from alleged hazing. According to Hank Nuwer, author and hazing researcher, over 150 college students die each year around the country from hazing related incidents since 1838.

President George C. Wright responded to the allegations by suspending all pledging activities indefinitely. "The university is

taking this situation very seriously. It is imperative that we discontinue all fraternity and sorority membership intake activities until we receive a full account of events that led up to the death of Mr. Wade," said Wright.

Although this has become a huge issue, it continues to occur. Many agree that this practice has now gone too far. Junior Travis Johnson said that "you have to go through too much. I understand that you must prove yourself, but people are now being put in life or death situations. I don't see how you could subject people to such torture, then call them your 'brother' or 'sister.'"

Many are so enthralled with these organizations that they will go to extreme measure to become a member. This is why many subject themselves to this torture. All over the

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insidehazing.com conducted a survey asking fraternities and sororities about the initiation process for their organizations.

- * 65% of respondents agree that the primary goal of an initiation is to bond.
- * 57% of respondents agree that it is important to tolerate psychological stress.
- * 31% of respondents agree that a significant element in initiation is humiliation.
- * 29% of respondents agree that extreme consumption is often part of an initiation.
- * 29% of respondents agree that it is important to tolerate physical pain.
- * 29% of respondents agree that they are concerned with the overuse of alcohol during pledge activities.
- * 25% of respondents agree that initiation usually involves the use of paddles.

PV student receives Youth of the Year award

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

Freshman Tony Spears received a \$10,000 scholarship from Reader's Digest Foundation after being named the Southwest region Youth of the Year award recipient for Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Clubs, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

Spears credits the Club with shaping him into an ambitious, confident young man. At the Club, he took an active role in mentoring, organizing and building positive relationships. He assisted members with their homework, and set an example for others by helping with the Club's day-to-day operations.

He actively participated in Toys for Tots, Salvation Army fundraisers and senior citizen outreach programs.

Spears also received \$1,000 for winning the state Youth of the Year title.



Courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of America

What an honor: Tony Spears smiles proudly with President Barack Obama.

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PV DPS Blotter

Information obtained in this report has been reported to dispatch and officers responded to these calls.

Week of Sunday Oct. 18, 2009 to Saturday Oct. 24, 2009

Sunday, Oct. 18

□ 1:58 a.m. Officers responded to a report of a brick being thrown inside a resident window at University Village Phase III Apartments. Report taken
□ 2:26 p.m., Officer met with a complainant who walked into the police department to report a stolen purse from Phases I & II Apartment complex.
□ 5:52pm, Officer met with a complainant who walked into the police department to report an assault. No charges filed, case referred to judicial services.

Monday, Oct. 19

□ 3:22 p.m., Officers responded to the Administration building in reference to stolen university property. Report taken.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

□ 12:00 a.m. officers responded to a report of narcotic activity in University Village Phase I Building 10. One arrest was made on possession of dangerous drugs.
□ 12:00 a.m., Officers while out at University Village Apartments conducting an investigation arrested a university student for Resisting Arrest & Detention.
□ 12:30am, Officers while walking property at University Village Apartments Phases I & II one student was arrested for possession.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

□ 9:48 a.m. Officer met with a student who reported a lost wallet. An information report was generated.

Thursday, Oct. 22

□ 10:24 a.m., Officer was dispatched to S. R. Collins in reference to a stolen projector. Report taken.
□ 2:25 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a theft that occurred at the Arts and Architecture Building. Report taken.
□ 10:50 p.m., Officers met with a student at the police department in reference to domestic violence incident at University Village Phases I & II Apartments. No charges filed, case referred to Judicial Services.
□ 11:06 p.m., Officers provided an escort to a university student.

Friday, Oct. 23

□ 12:13 p.m. Officers responded to a fight in progress located at University Village Phases I & II Apartments basketball courts. Two subjects were taken into custody.

No calls dispatched on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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nation, organizations are being suspended for hazing. Jackson State University has suspended 45 members of its band, the Sonic Boom of the South, because of the part that they played in hazing activities.

Last year, members of Southern University's band were prosecuted for taking prospective members to an off-campus location blind-folded, dousing them with water and then beating them with a board.

One stopped the beating and then spoke out on what had occurred. Two others who endured the beating were hospitalized for several days and risked organ failure. The suspects were found guilty and must serve up to 50 years in prison because of their part in the hazing process.

People still continue to haze. After hearing about this, one student felt that "these beatings are unnecessary. It's OK to have people do things like clean-up, wash clothes, or things of that sort, but it has gone too far."

The fact that these practices continue makes some students afraid to join because they don't know what might happen to them.

"I believe that people take place in hazing whether it's being the "hazee" or the "hazer" because they

PV assist local youths



By Ryan Rudd, The Panther

Round 'em up: McCollum teaches children how to rope.

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

The Texas State Farm Bureau teamed up with members of PVAMU's Cooperative Extension Program to teach young students the fundamentals of agriculture during the 5th annual Waller County Farm Bureau and Extension Ag Day on Oct. 22 at the Waller County Fairgrounds.

In an effort to convey a better understanding of the agriculture industry and the use of natural resources to the youth, J. Cody Dennison, an agent for the Texas AgriLife Extension Services, and his team used hands-on activities and a variety of demonstrations to educate students on the benefits of agriculture. With over 650 students from Waller, Hempstead, and Royal school district, Dennison and his team used techniques to educate

PV speaks on DV

By Corbin Mickens
Panther Intern

Prairie View A&M University hosted its second annual domestic violence seminar at the University Chapel located beside the University College and John B. Coleman library on Wednesday Oct. 21.

Throughout the seminar, Gloria Williams, retired school teacher and proud activist, explained what domestic violence is. Williams was in a verbally abusive marriage for three years before she decided it was time to move on for the sake of her child.

Williams announced that this is the first of many domestic violence seminars and we hope to continue closing the second annual domestic violence seminar at PV.

feel they could get away with it," said Kamesha McNeil, a junior communications major, "People think that just because others got away with it, they will, too. Even with knowing the consequences and troubles it could possibly bring they forge past the obvious for their own fulfillment of the moment."

It's not only those who are outside of the Greek world and other organizations that agree that it has gone too far.

Wayne Wilson Jr. of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. believes that it has become too extreme. "No organization is worth losing your life over."

A former vice president of Sigma Tau Theta Communications Fraternity, Asheli Atkins, said, "You can test someone mentally or with silly things like passing a skittle down a line of people," but the things that occur now are as if you are "preparing for war or something." All of this just to "strut around at hump day and throw up signs."

Hazing is a serious issue with serious consequences. According to the Office of Student Affairs and Leadership's "Hazing: The Law," you can get in trouble for anything from failure to report hazing, which is penalized with a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or 180 days in jail, to hazing resulting in death which is accompanied by a penalty of a \$5,000-\$10,000 fine and/or 1-2

students in areas such as, environmental niches, nutrition, farm services, sheep herding, snakes and other poisonous animals, and safety when using yard equipment. There was also a session in which students had the opportunity to stand by and watch the milking of a cow.

Dennison said, "Agriculture and natural resources are a part of everybody's life . . . I think that kids will leave here today knowing how important agriculture is to the world today."

Accompanied by his son Kenneth McCollum, Larry Solomon, manager of the swine farm at PVAMU for over 30 years, offered students an intake on the different uses of swine, and offered lessons in roping.

Solomon said, "This is very beneficial to Prairie View because it helps us expand our influence and services."

UC hosts majors fair

By Justin Arrington
Panther Intern

In an effort to guide students to succeed in their field, University College conducted the 8th annual majors' fair Tuesday, Oct. 27.

As midterms came to an end, the time began to tick for the graduating class of 2009-2010. Freshman and upperclassmen attended the event in hopes of finding a career that will suit them best.

Academic Advisor Thomas Adams said, "It's an event geared toward underclassmen that provides a chance for students who are not sure about their field of study and want to change their major. Students will benefit from learning about internships."

years in jail.

Although such grave penalties are in place, hazing continues to thrive in our communities.

In order to decrease the incidence of hazing, we must realize that it is not necessarily the "organization" that is doing the hazing but the people within it.

Wilson said, "The first step that organizations that need to take to decrease the amount of hazing should be to be more selective in choosing members."

Wilson believes that student activities should deal with these hazing situations and administration should step in when necessary because after all they are the ones catching the majority of the heat in unfortunate situations.

"My daddy always said never want something so bad that you're willing to do anything to get it," said Newman. "Letters should not make the person; the person should make the letters. The minute that a person gets caught up in the hype of having letters they lose the whole purpose of the organization, therefore, becoming disillusioned and that's when it becomes dangerous because you've lost who you are."

Students should refer to the Student Conduct Code and Handbook for further guidance on the tolerance of hazing and the consequences linked with it.

Fashion week preview Investigation continues

By Nastashia Matlock
Panther Staff

Students, parents, faculty, and staff all entered the MSC ballroom Wednesday, Oct. 21 to get a preview of the new talented fashion artists around campus.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) hosted the event in an effort to prepare students up for fashion week scheduled for February 2010. Canned-goods were accepted upon admission.

Hosts Tamika Gordon, Chrystal Gibson, and Freddie Edo introduced the nine artists and their collections which included Aubrine Thompkins (Personality Evolution), Jessica Lewis (Sunny Poppxiinz), Etrina Miller (EMILL), Kiara Callo-way (CrazyLadii), Hasifa Najjemba (Umami Collection from Masala), Tina (Anaste), Michaela Kingston (Michaela Made Inc.), Summer Mack (R.O. Collection), and Jasmine Wiggins (Exotic...Est. 1988).

Various styles were shown from accessories to skirts, jeans, shirts, and individuals to attend Fashion Week in the spring.

Raab speaks on Ag. department's detour

By Lionel Mosby Jr.
Sports Editor

On Oct. 22, Larry Raab, director of campus spacing and planning management, sat down with *The Panther* to provide more insight into the closing of the E.B. Evans Animal Industries Building.

The building came into some controversy after it was closed earlier in the year by the administration. Since then, students in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences have been dispersed to study in other locations and have expressed their displeasure with the decision.

The E.B. Evans Building was built in 1952. According to Raab, the building was closed because of maintenance problems and the ability to make a vital investment in the future of the university. This investment can be clearly seen in the 52,000 square foot building acquired by the university for \$8.9 million.

"What I want agriculture students to realize is that this is not a stop sign," said Raab. "This is a detour."

The E.B. Evans building is not in danger of being demolished, as of now. The reason why it was taken off-line is because of the academic space standards of the state of Texas.

This standard calls for the space to match the amount of students an institution houses (106 square feet per student).

With this in mind, the Austin Greaux Chemical Engineering Building and the Graduate Northwest Campus Building along with Evans were taken off-line.

"We needed to show the state that we know how to play by the rules," said Raab. "In order to do

By Eboney Sowells
Panther Staff

An autopsy report revealing the cause of death of junior biology major, Donnie Wade is still being concealed by police investigating the students death.

Investigators are looking toward surveillance videos to determine whether Wade's pledge brothers escorted him inside to receive treatment or abandoned him after they reached the hospital.

Students have mixed emotions about the events surrounding Wade's death.

Senior Dana Polk was one of those who is greatly saddened. "He is a true soldier for Christ," said Dana Polk, "He stuck with Sigma so that he could be an advocate and be the one who did not haze."

Polk was a longtime friend of Wade's who regained contact with him while in college.

Phi Beta Sigma has been careful not to say anything on the record, as demanded by police investigators, but they have used blogging as a tool to express their views.

that, we had to make some tough decisions."

Fortunately, the policy also states that if property is not being used or if property is being repaired then it does not count toward an institution's total space formula.

"Right now, we are planning to keep the building off-line for repairs for one year to 18 months," said Raab.

As for the new facility in northwest Harris County, Raab said, "This building is a great marketing opportunity for PVAMU and it will provide for the growth we need to open up those buildings we now have off-line."

The facility's close proximity to Houston and its position in the middle of around 100,000 students from the Cypress high schools provided an opportunity to move Prairie View deeper into the future.

The early prospect is that the building will be used for graduate programs and continuing education, but the university hasn't ruled out providing core courses either.

"I'm happy that the agriculture students spoke up because this is the time to do it," said Raab. "Dean Richards has been commissioned to put together a vision for how the College of Agriculture should look in the next 10 years. It might be more economical to build a new building then continue to repair the old one, but that's what Dean Richards is going to tell us."

Sometime next month the university will begin putting together its campus master plan. This plan will include every college on campus and provide information for how the institution should look in 2020. The colleges have nine months to devise the plan.

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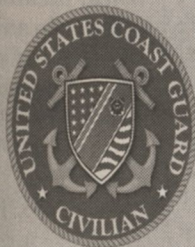
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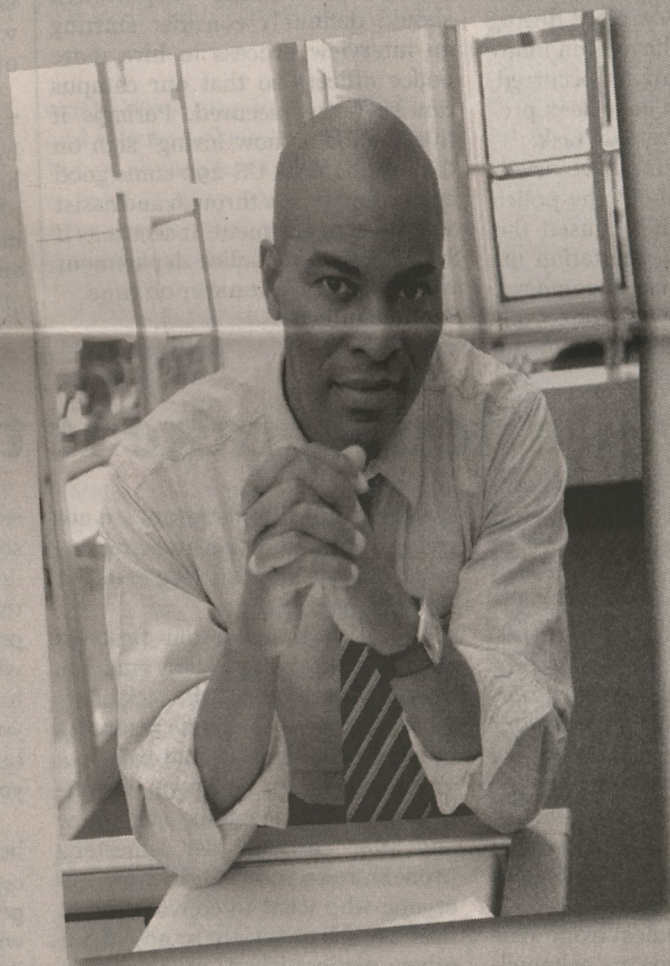
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Police lack quantity, quality

Overall, Prairie View A&M University is a safe place where students can feel free to interact, learn, and advance to the next level of life by receiving a quality education. In a small town that mainly consists of the university's 8,600 college students, it seems as if the crime rate should be non-existent. It seems as though for many years this campus has been a safe area with a low crime rate, or has it?

If someone were to ask the chief of police how safe he feels the campus is, his response would probably support his force and suggest that they were doing a tremendous job at protecting and serving the students and citizens of Prairie View.

Although we have a small campus and a limited number of students, our police department is still understaffed. Considering that the campus isn't very big, shouldn't the university take extra precautions and make certain the police department has a sufficient amount of workers on their task force? When will the university make the necessary changes in fixing the problem surrounding our understaffed police department?

Even though these are all questions that need to be answered, it isn't the size of the police department's roster that is causing problems, but the quality of service that the police provide.

Over the course of the past school year, I have seen some things that really disturbed me as far as my safety as an on-campus resident is concerned. From the break-ins that occurred in the Village last year, to the shooting that took place during homecoming, there have been many cases in which accidents occurred, many of which could have been prevented if the police were on task.

Many students have developed a perception about the police department, which has caused the police to earn a bad reputation on campus. Although there were no reported break-ins during homecoming week, and the police did a good

job of maintaining the security of the campus through their checkpoints, the overall efforts of the police department still raises concerns throughout the student body. In turn, criminal motive has also increased due to the lack of quality service that the police provide. If someone were plotting to commit a crime at PV, chances are they took that risk because they realized university police would have a delay in responding to criminal activity.

Another question that comes to mind is the priorities of the police department. It seems as if the police spend more time in the MSC eating than riding around patrolling the campus. How is it that the police always manage to arrest someone on marijuana charges, but they never seem to catch anyone in the action of committing crimes such as burglary and carjackings? How is it possible for a student to be stranded in the middle of campus, and when they call the police and ask for a motorist assist, they are told that the police department doesn't provide that type of service? If an officer can't even go to help them change a flat, and never catches anyone committing crimes against the community, then what is the purpose of having a task force on campus?

With fights occurring frequently in all quarters of the campus how can students be expected to feel safe while furthering their education? With the recent shooting that occurred, it is self-evident that people nowadays don't believe in fair fights anymore.

The police department should definitely consider starting an interview process to hire more police officers so that our campus can be better secured. Perhaps if they posted a "now hiring" sign on the bill board on US-290 some good help would follow through and assist our police department. It seems as if the Prairie View police department is always there, but never on time.

Ryan Rudd

Fellas, let's be men

Recently, I was involved in a conversation between my female and male friends addressing the issue of black males falling off in society. Throughout the discussion, the females agreed that the problem with males was that we must "conform to society" to be men. The more I absorbed this statement, the more I understood it to be misleading. In my opinion, to conform to society is to meet the requirements of the general public, which we call America.

As a black man, I personally don't believe this will ever happen. The black culture has mixed blood within American soil, using sweat as tears in the fight to survive this "American dream." We weren't brought over here as equals from the start, so how can black men ever conform to society? So the case isn't why aren't black men meeting the requirements of society, the argument is why are those who consider themselves black men, not being real black men?

I was taught that a man is one who knows and understands his responsibilities and what is needed to survive. In addition to being black, mental stability and contributing help and support to those who need it are also important. These days, especially in college, the idea of being a man has changed. Most of these so-called "men" are just grown boys.

So, how many of us really consider ourselves men? Is it that you can pay your own rent, phone bill, and car note? Or maybe that you had a kid and decided to be in his or her life unlike your own father. No sir! These things have nothing to do with it and they make you no more of a man.

I consider these things "causes," and the "effect" is standing by your morals and understanding how to prioritize. Set a good example. These children are like wet cement; whatever falls on them makes an impression. As a "man" what impression are you leaving?

Robert Jordan III

Fellow students, take it to the limit

A wise man once said, "The only limits are the ones you place on yourself". Nothing could be closer to the truth. We, here at Prairie View, should observe this to the fullest.

So often, students complain about the lack of facilities, the caliber of their instructors, and even the lack of school spirit. While not everything is in the control of the student, we have to be aware of the fact that we have the power to change most, if not everything we dislike about this campus.

Change comes from true focus. It is one thing to acknowledge a problem, another to voice an opinion about it, but it is a whole other ball game to begin work to fix it. For the most part, we students at Prairie View have been exhausting ourselves voicing our opinions. The next step is implementing change.

If we feel the administrators are not giving us the education and environment that we pay for, let's create it for ourselves.

It's time for our focus to change for the better. Many students often complain about the lack of attention given to academic resources by the administration. But let's do a quick self survey. Everyone who attended the homecoming step show and after party or last semester's probate, raise your hands. Now, everyone who went to convocation to hear President Wright or any of our other distinguished speakers address the student body raise your hands. Exactly. How can we expect the administration to take something seriously when we don't take them seriously?

The same applies in the classroom. If you don't understand,

ask a question or go to your professor during office hours. If everybody doesn't understand, everybody in the class should be breaking the professor's door down to receive whatever knowledge they are trying to give. If you require more out of your professors, your education will be ten times better. But, to do this, you have to be engaged.

At the end of the day, it all begins and ends with you. Don't accept anything less than what you expect. If you expect an education that will allow you to be productive, then it is required that you must be productive. One cannot achieve greatness if greatness is not expected. So don't just talk about it, be about it. Require greatness, so that greatness can be achieved.

Brad Traywick

SGA Speak Out

Greetings, we hope you all took care of those midterms and did well on them. On behalf of the Student Government Association, we would like to send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our fallen Panther Donnie Wade. We are deeply saddened by the loss.

For those seeking counseling, our counseling center is open and available. Their number is (936) 261-1400. This is a great loss for our Prairie View community and we send our prayers to everyone affected.

SGA is designed for the students so we ask that you please voice your concerns or questions to our senators or E-board members. In the upcoming two weeks, we will have an updated list on the Web site about who to contact for specific issues. As the liaisons between students and faculty, we strive to get answers and improve our university, but we can do this only with your help.

This week, we challenge all students to get involved in our Prairie View community. Join an organization within your major, or an organization of your interest. SGA understands that many students

would like to be involved and are not sure exactly where to start.

The following are SGA committee meeting times and locations: environmental green committee: Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., advertising and promotions: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the committees listed above or any other committees, please e-mail Christine Williams at cwilliams551@pvamu.edu. There are many committees, so please, get involved.

Student Responsibility of the Week: • Students using or working in campus facilities during the course of their studies, activities or employment are responsible for becoming familiar with and following all the safety procedures.

Student Tips of the Week:

• Make sure you and your roommate(s) have a clear understanding about personal visitation, quiet hours, and sharing— and other house rules. Everyone strives to have the most comfortable living environment, so this week, communicate even more with your roommates about your living environment.

PURPLE & GOLD POLL

How do you feel about the negative media attention that has been directed at the school this past week?



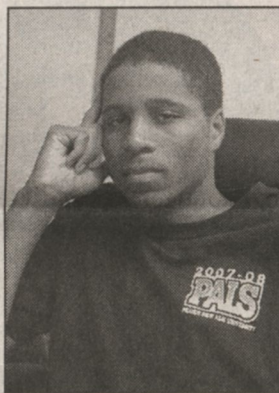
"I believe that it adds more negativity to PV's name and casts a dark shadow over our university's legacy. Instead of being known as one of the best HBCUs, PV is now known to the world as the school where the boy died from hazing."

Nina Whitfield
Sophomore
Psychology



"I feel that the situations that have occurred in the past week should be viewed as a lesson that should be learned to prevent these same occurrences from happening in the future."

Nicole Lanae Moore
Senior
Psychology



"I feel that they should get their facts straight before putting the story in the media."

Harris D. Brown
Graduate Student
Community Development

By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

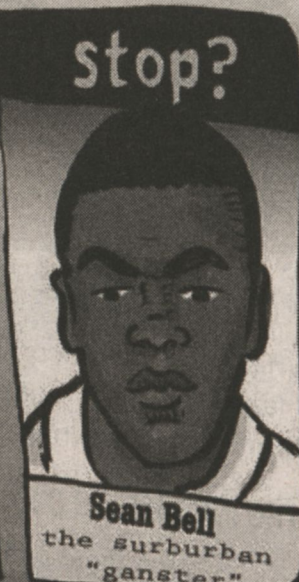
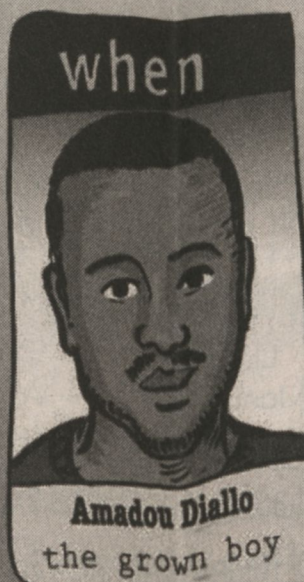
Staff Member of the Week



Jessica Ferguson
Junior
Communications

I Love College
By: Robert Jordan III

Today's Black Men on the Market:



Panthers' defense provides big play at SU, pulls out sloppy win on ESPN



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Defense wins championships: The Panthers' defensive squad came up with another big play to help secure Prairie View's number one spot in the SWAC's western division.

By Jeremy O. Malone
Panther Staff

For the first time ever, the Panthers of Prairie View A&M University have beaten Grambling State University (35-32) and Southern University (16-14) in the same season. This was also the first time the Panthers have beaten Southern in Baton Rouge since 1963. "I think that was a huge win for our football program," said Head Coach Henry Frazier III. "The west is now ours to win."

The Panthers traveled to Mumford Stadium to play on ESPN this past Thursday night. Prairie View (5-1, 5-0 SWAC) knew that they would control their own destiny with a win against the Southern Jaguars (4-3, 1-2), who with a win could still claim the SWAC Championship in the west.

Cross country teams run for SWAC championship

By Dontae McCray
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M men's and women's cross country teams wrapped up their seasons at the SWAC championships. The SWAC Cross Country Championships were held on Oct. 26 in the Highland Road Community in Baton Rouge, La. The Lady Panthers finished fifth with 136 points and the men's team finished sixth with 132 points.

For the Lady Panthers, Angel Brooks had the team's highest finish, placing 21st with a time of 21:23.49. Teammate Guadalupe Bustamante finished in 21:44.72, good for 25th. Branee Robinson finished right behind her teammate with a time of 21:46.54. Whitley Dobbins finished in 22:21.32 for 31st and Leticia Bustamante finished 33rd in a time of 22:36.22. Corinna Brown completed the race in 22:51.69 for 39th. Terrecia Moody finished in 23:03.37, placing her 44th and Jelissa Phillips placed 56th in a time of 24:38.29. The Lady Panthers had an average completion time of 21:58.46.

On the men's side, the highest finisher was Jodale Burkley with a time of 28:19.91, good for 26th. Finishing two spots back at 28th was Errol Hampton in a time of 28:31.46. Adrain Davis finished 30th in 29:06.40. At 32nd was Patrick Range in a time of 29:34.75. Juan Morales finished at 37th at a time of 29:56.58 and Michael White at 42nd in a time of 31:13.23. The Panthers average finish time was 28:33.07.

On the opening play, KJ Black hit Donald Babers on a screen play for a 49-yard-dash to the end zone. Brady Faggard's extra-point would make the score 7-0. Babers would prove to be the X-factor for the Panther offense, gaining a game-high total of 174 yards and two touchdowns, one rushing and one receiving.

The Jaguars countered the Panther score with a Bryant Lee touchdown run of their own. Lee would account for two touchdowns (one pass, one rush), while completing 25 of 36 passes to eight different receivers for 285 yards.

The real star for the Southern Jaguars was six-foot-three-inch senior wide receiver Juamorris Stewart. Stewart was the engine in the Jaguars' offense with 162 yards on 12 receptions and one touchdown. With 34 seconds left in the

first half, Faggard made a 29-yard field goal to put Prairie View up 10-7 going into the half.

Down 10-7, the Southern Jaguars fired back quickly, with Lee finding Stewart on the right side of the field only to make a highlight reel play and take it all the way back across the field to the end zone. The score left the Panthers down 14-10, giving the Southern Jaguars all the momentum needed to upset the number one team in the SWAC.

The Panthers eventually fought back, after a scoreless third quarter, to score early in the fourth with a Babers go-ahead touchdown. Prairie View took the lead but missed the extra point, leaving the game at 16-14.

The door was now wide open for a Southern Jaguars' game winning drive. In the final minutes of the game, the Southern Jaguars

would drive into Panther territory, and it looked like the Jaguars would have a chance to win the game with a field goal as time expired. But when you're destined to be a champion things sometimes bounce your way and on the way to the end zone Stewart fumbled inside the Panthers' five-yard line. The ball was promptly recovered by Prairie View and the Panthers would line up in victory formation to seal the win.

"My hat goes off to our defense," said Frazier. "I told the defense that they had to find a way to stop this team, because defense wins championships."

With the win over Southern, the Panthers are in control of their own destiny and in the driver's seat of the SWAC's west division. Prairie View's next opponent will be the Alabama A&M Bulldogs (4-3, 1-2) at home on Nov. 7.

Lady Panthers blank Lady Tigers, take over third place spot in west

By Lionel Mosby Jr
Sports Editor

The Lady Panthers invited the Texas Southern Lady Tigers to "The Hill" for a pivotal conference matchup on Friday, Oct. 23. After 45 minutes of exciting play, Prairie View held a deciding 3-0 lead over TSU.

Monica Diaz got the scoring started off early with her goal only seven minutes into the game. The score came off a rebound of Abigail Escobar's shot from in the zone. The ball bounced off the crossed bar right to Diaz who timed her relay perfectly.

Four minutes later, Escobar made up for her unfortunate miss when she stole the ball from one of

TSU's defenders to score the second goal of the day for the Panthers. That goal put the Lady Panthers up 2-0 with more than 23 minutes left in the half and 68 minutes left in the contest.

Yosselyn Aguilar made the last goal of the day when her shot barely bounced off the goalie's fingertips into the back of the net.

With the big win in hand and an important matchup against Southern coming up, head coach Abe Garcia is hoping for consistency. "We have to continue to play together and we have to be consistent," said Garcia.

The Lady Panthers now prepare to take to the road for two contests, one against Southern and one versus Jackson State.



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Kicking it up a notch: With the big win over TSU, the Lady Panthers are now in third place in the Western division because they own the tie breaker over the Tigers.

Bowling team places second in Winston Salem State's in Deep South Tournament

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

The Prairie View A&M University Lady Panthers continue to excel after bringing home the second place trophy at the Deep South Tournament in Winston Salem, NC.

After the two-day tournament, the Lady Panthers had a total pin count of 7,536 pins. Despite Norfolk State tying PVAMU with a match record of nine wins and one loss, the Lady Panthers' pin count did not match the Lady Spartans' count of 7,686.

"We were excited to place second in North Carolina," said senior Phebe Jackson. "We've never been to that tournament before so it was exciting to do so well."

The Lady Panthers started the tournament off strong defeating Alabama State, North Carolina A&T, North Carolina Central, Fayetteville State and Elizabeth City finishing 5-0.

Golf teams host PVAMU Invitational at Cypress Lakes, women grab second

By Lionel Mosby Jr.
Sports Editor

The Prairie View men's and women's golf teams hosted the Prairie View Invitational in Cypress, Texas at the Cypress Lakes Golf Course on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The tournament was moved from Monday due to heavy rains in the northwest section of Houston.

FCS Standings (Football Championship Subdivision, formerly I-AA)

1. Richmond	7-0
2. Montana	7-0
3. Southern Illinois	6-1
4. Villanova	7-1
5. William & Mary	6-1
6. Elon Phoenix	6-1
7. Appalachian St.	5-2
8. New Hampshire	6-1
9. South Dakota St.	6-1
10. South Carolina St.	6-1
11. Stephen F. Austin	6-1
12. Northern Iowa	5-3
13. McNeese St.	5-2
14. Weber St.	5-3
15. Central Arkansas	5-2
16. Delaware	5-2
17. Holy Cross	6-1
18. Cal Poly	4-3
19. Massachusetts	4-3
20. Eastern Illinois	6-2
21. Northern Arizona	5-2
22. Jacksonville St.	4-3
23. Liberty	5-2
24. Colgate	7-1
25. PRAIRIE VIEW	5-1

With a number 25 national ranking, Prairie View A&M made its first appearance in the FCS poll this year. Their position also marks the first time the team has been ranked during the regular season.

Also, the Panthers are currently in the number two spot in the Sheridan Broadcast Network Black College Football poll behind South Carolina State.

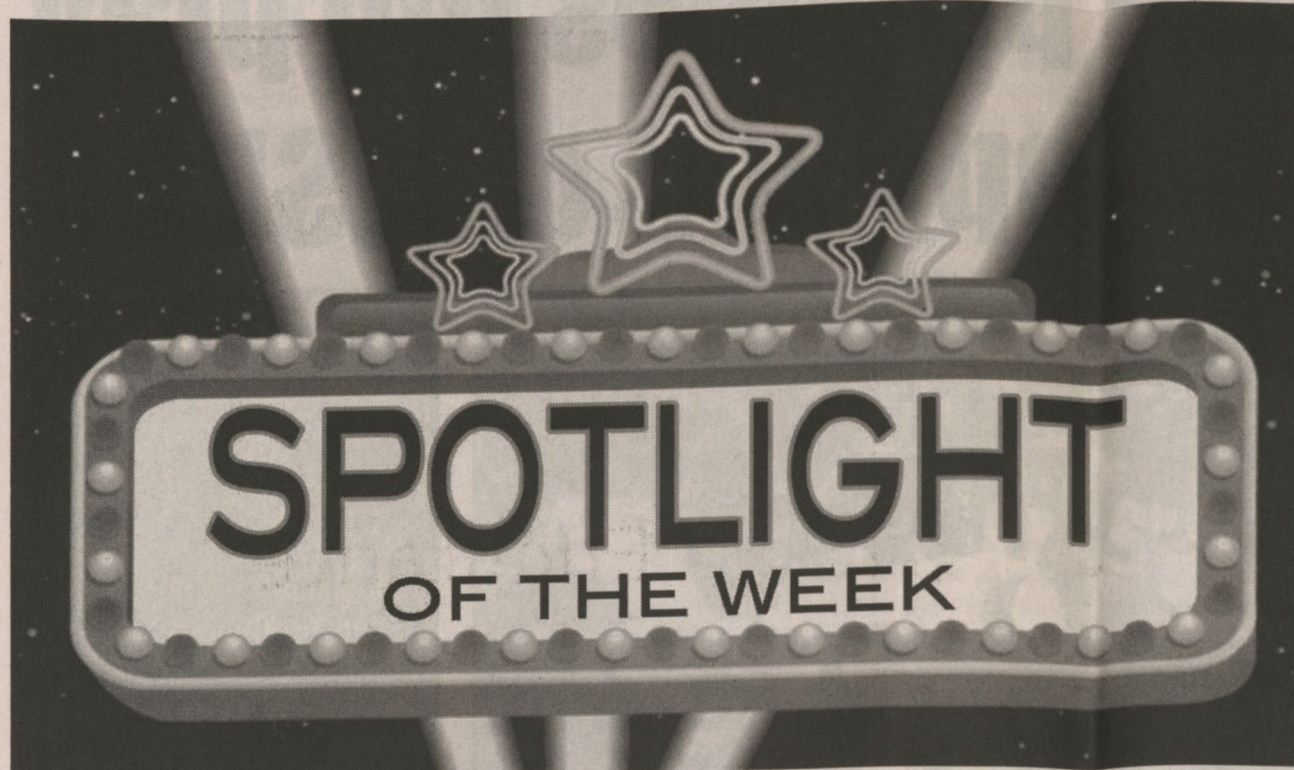
The Lady Panthers finished the second day of competition with a four-win and one-loss record, losing only to the tournament champions Norfolk State in a four-game set Baker format.

The Lady Panthers also placed two members on the five member All-Tournament Team. Sophomore Lejewelia Lewis, who also missed winning the tournament MVP by one pin, finished with a 191.2 pin average and freshman Cynthia Veney, who finished the tournament with a 183.6 pin average.

Coach Glenn White said, "I am proud of the team for battling tough and finishing strong again in this tournament. We've done well so far this season but we also know that we've yet to perform to the level that we're capable of. We will continue to work hard in practice and prepare for our next competition in two weeks at the Big Red Invitational hosted by last year's national champions, the Nebraska Cornhuskers."

The ladies of PVAMU played well during the tournament placing second in the 18 round invitational behind Texas Southern. Peni Sonjoto finished first overall, while Aziza Glass grabbed the third place spot.

Joe Daly held his own on the men's side, as he completed the 18 rounds in third place. The PV men finished third.



Highlighting students who excel in their areas of interest

By Teque'lia Lewis
Panther Staff

Cecil Shy is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University and is currently enrolled in a masters program. He was selected out of many applicants across the nation to participate in the Graduate Co-op for NASA in the robotic division part-time. Shy has had the opportunity to build water systems, software modeling, and mechanical structures.

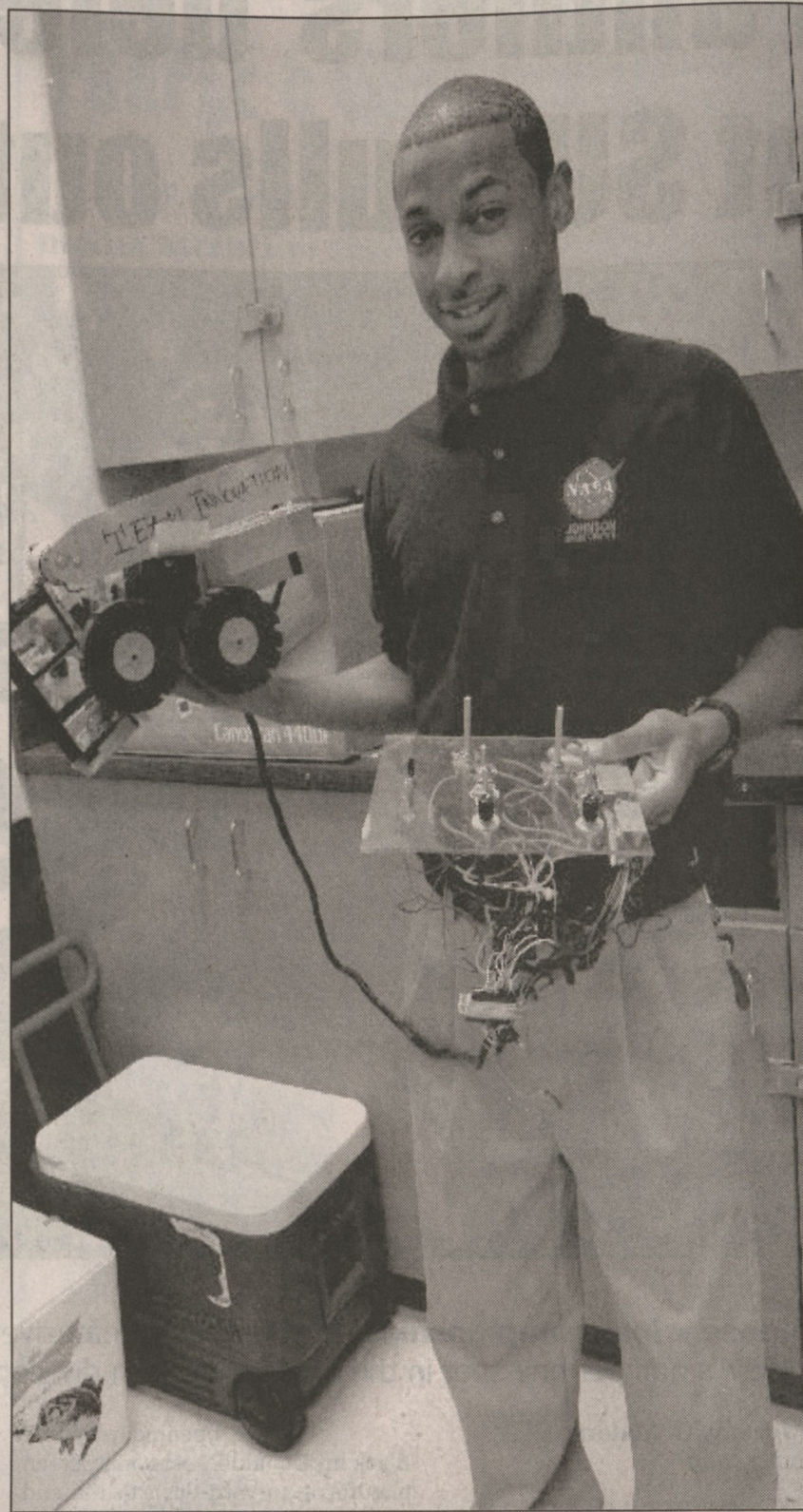
His interest in engineering started at a young age, "One day my mom and dad bought me a toy truck, and I took it apart and started build-

ing all kinds of different structures with the pieces," said Shy, "But, what really caught my eye is when I went to the NASA Co-op tour in 2007, I saw the company building a Rover, it took me back to my toy car and I realized I found my dream job."

Since then Shy has achieved and received many accolades. A few are; most outstanding student his freshman and sophomore years, and SWAC awarded him in track and cross-country. But his ultimate accomplishment is being president of CEO, which stands for Council of Engineering Organizations. This program was started by Shy to help unite engineers at Prairie View. The

purpose is to help build more productive engineers, increase membership and provide tutoring. Shy said, "The council helps current students connect with management so they can voice their opinions through CEO and we transfer their concerns to the administration." He has found a positive way to reach out and help students through his program.

Shy's future plans entail completing his master's degree, become a full-time employee for NASA, and for the Council of Engineering Organizations to continue to move forward. He said, "Most of all I would like to come back and continue to help Prairie View students and remain an example for future engineers."



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

PDA

Students take affection to the streets

By Larry Fletcher & Jacqueline Sadberry
Panther Staff & Managing Editor

Love can be displayed in many ways; a bouquet of flowers, a card, or even by one taking a spouse out to dinner. However, the occasional kiss and hug can beat out all those things. Some may see that kiss and hug as a harmless way of showing their affection, but what about when they show their affection in public? Public display of affection (PDA) on campus has gotten to be a little too much for the eyes of those simply here for an education. It's nice to see students not fighting or arguing, but on the more pleasant end of the spectrum, moderation should still be practiced.

Holding hands, groping, and kissing in public may seem like harmless behavior but they are also the same activities that go on in bars and nightclubs. One must be mindful of the image or message they are presenting to the public by practicing PDA. For example, PDA can be seen as a mild form of exhibitionism. The psychological need to expose any form of sexual behavior to the public has gotten out of hand.

Another perspective on PDA is that it can also result in voyeurism, taking pleasure in watching

others perform affectionate gestures or forms of sexual behavior. Again, what is love? With the vulgar actions, reactions, and mixed messages that have become a result of PDA, is it worthy of being labeled an expression of love? When asked how she felt about PDA on campus Jillian Johnson, senior English major, said, "I personally think that kisses, holding hands and hugging is fine, but don't make out in front of me."

It's unrealistic to expect couples not to practice forms of PDA. The love between two people should not have to be displayed for the public to see and furthermore should not come only in the form of physical affection. Love is in our hearts, not in our hands or mouths. Therefore, PDA should be something lighthearted and subtle, like the spiritual connection shared between two people. We live in a superficial world, full of images of glamour, beauty and fame, but it is what lies within that truly matters. So, what's really behind PDA? Is it a simple show of feelings of affection for another or impulsive lustful behavior that is more appropriate for private settings? One would think that this judgment should be left up to the couple to answer, but when one puts on a show the critics will always have their say.



Ronald Smith, The Panther

Love is in the air: Couple Mitchell Johnson and Jessica Lewis show their affection publicly.

Domestic violence

By Camellia Jackson
Panther Contributor

Imagine yourself in the following situations:

•You're at a restaurant and you're seated next to a large group of couples. During the meal their voices escalate and suddenly one of the women takes a wine bottle and breaks it across the back of the man's head seated next to her.

•You're at the Waffle House with your friends after a party, and you see a couple you kinda know from the yard. It looks like they are arguing because she's all in his face and talking loud. The next thing you know, he's pimp-slapped her so hard. she flies across the counter.

•You're reading a story in the paper about a lady who is the sole caregiver for her husband who is paralyzed from the waist down. In a fit of anger, she dumps him into a bathtub

full of water and watches as he struggles to breathe.

If any of the above scenarios sound familiar, they should. Can you say "Tyler Perry" movies? All of these examples illustrate a form of domestic violence (DV). DV is defined as behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control another.

Some common control tactics include:

- Sarcasm
- Ridicule
- Yelling out or shouting
- Interrupting
- Swearing
- Towering over you
- Not listening or refusing to respond
- Using a tone of absolute certainty and final authority

Statistics:

•Twenty percent of dating couples report some type of violence

in their relationship(s)

•Thirty percent of college students are in a physically or emotionally abusive relationship

•Nearly one-third of college students report physically assaulting an intimate partner in the previous 12 months

Students often have difficulty recognizing verbal and emotional abuse, or do not have enough experience in relationships to know that the abusive behavior is not normal or healthy. College students may feel trapped by the social network and closed environment of many campuses. If you find yourself or someone you know in this situation, remember you don't have to suffer in silence.

Numerous resources are available to provide you with professional and confidential assistance. If you have any questions or for further information, please contact the Student Counseling Services (936) 261-1400 or Prairie View Police Department (936) 261-1375.

Prairie View Students of FOSTER CARE

Were you in Foster Care?

Would you like to meet and support fellow students just like you?

The Foster Care Alumni student support group at Prairie View (FCA-PV) would like to connect with you.

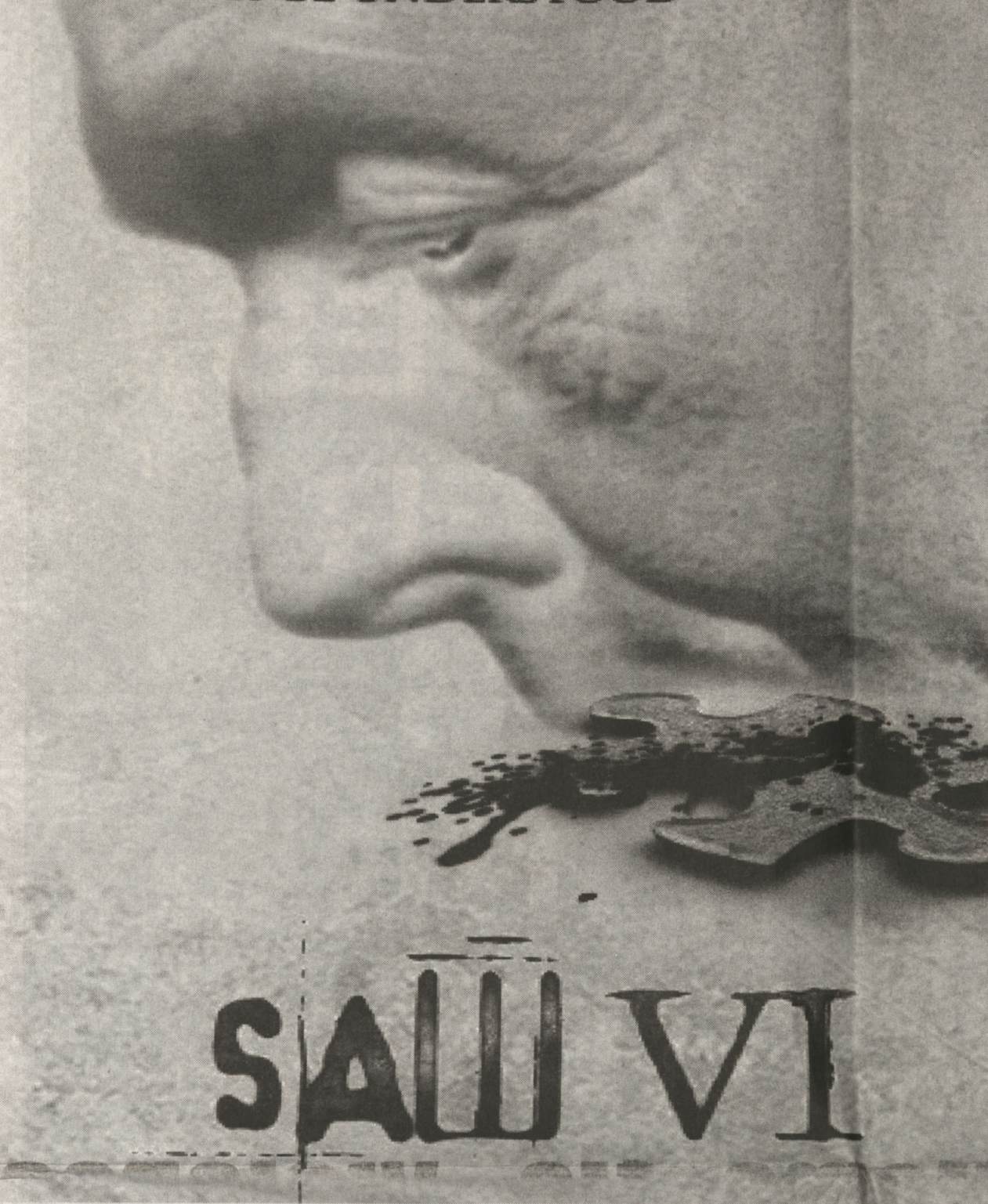
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If you are interested, contact Ila Schauer at 936-261-5909 or email Vivian Dorsett at vivian_dorsett@yahoo.com or ask for Ms Schauer at the UC Advisment Center

JIGSAW'S SCHEME WILL FINALLY BE UNDERSTOOD



By Dontae McCray
Panther Staff

Since 2004 the Saw movie series has kept movie goers cringing and scared with its intense gore and bloody scenes. The latest film, Saw 6, is no different. Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) may have died in Saw 4 but he still makes appearances in the film via flashbacks.

In Saw 6 the first target of one of Jigsaw's twisted traps are two deceitful house lenders. They have made a career of giving loans they know people could never pay back. The game is set up to where the person who gives the most flesh will walk out alive, while the other dies. This very intense and bloody introduction lets you know how intense

Saw 6 is.

To tie up loose ends from the 5th installment Jigsaw's ex-wife, Jill (Betsy Russell), has the box that was left to her from Jigsaw that will execute his last wishes. One of Jigsaw's last wishes involves a life game that has to deal with William, a health care executive. William is much more concerned with saving money on his company's bottom line than saving lives. Jigsaw's goal is to test William and make him decide whether people will live or die just like he does at work. One of the brutal games that William must play is to save the lives of only two of his six employees. Those who will die are strapped to a merry-go-round that will shoot them with a shot gun at close range.

Detective Hoffman has taken over for the deceased Jigsaw

but his games steer away from Jigsaw's ideal to teach the participants a life lesson if they make it out alive and he leans more toward trying only to kill his victims. Hoffman has to deal with keeping the FBI off his trail. The FBI is getting closer to finding out he has been Jigsaw's accomplice.

Filled with a surprise or two along the way Saw 6 should leave you intrigued and a little uneasy at some of the death scenes. It may be the bloodiest of all the films so it's definitely not for the easily scared or fainthearted. The movie is an hour and a half long so it's at just the right running time to keep your attention. While tying up loose ends from past movies it will still leave you wondering will this be the last Saw movie or will Jigsaw's twisted games continue.



"Endurance"

By Jacqueline Sadberry
Managing Editor

If I push past the hurt
And I fight through the pain
Then I can reach the finish line
I can claim my victory

Too bad it's just not in me
I've been fighting for weeks
And the strain from the enemy
Is killing me
I've put my hands together
Gotten down on bended knees
I've fasted and put away everything
And anything
That was holding my win away from me

I stare up into the heavens
Gazing hard through tear filled eyes
"Lord I need You,"
Is all that I can muster out

Sometimes I want to shout
I feel like giving up
This battle's harder than the last one
And frankly,
I've had enough
But then You told me,
"There is a time and season
For everything,"
So I stopped complaining
Because eventually,
If we want to get closer to You
Then we have to go through
And the enemy doesn't like that
So he'll throw all kind of things our way
To get us to wallow in our mess

Push through
There's a blessing waiting
Just for you
Because in reality

It's already been done
God's just waiting on you to move

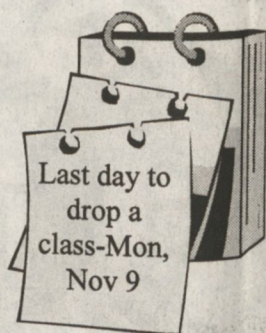
Last week we ran a story titled "My Name is Charlie" and did not give the proper writer credit. Aurielle Granger actually interviewed Charlie Wilson and is responsible for the story. Our apologies, The Panther



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

- You must have had a grade of 'C' or better in your developmental class(es) at mid-terms to be able to pre-register for Spring 2010.
- Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick THEA testing schedule or call 936-261-3610.



Building 43 LCC Mr Green and PA Ms Spates give a "Shout out" to: Carl Jones, Roland Champine and Reginald Houston for their part in the UC Talent Show. Belated Happy B'Day to Jerald Hubbard. T'Cobain Erwin for his skills with classic car remodeling and Jacobie Holiday for his future business venture. Also—Get Well wishes to Donoven Monroe.

Now that you went to the Majors Fair—are you going to change your major before Early Registration???? Doc AD Vizemint say—just do it! Turn in the paper work.

Early Registration for second semester begins middle of November--Start planning now.



- Who is scared to listen to rap after reading the Jay-Z article?
- What celebrity look-a-like decided to go skateboarding at night with sunglasses on?
- Was he surprised when he crashed?
- Who was the Sigma who charged up The Panther in fear of being exposed?
- Who were the L.O.E.'s in the MSC?
- Do they realize they are as non-existent as PV's Greek life?
- Who else thought this would be year for the divine nine?
- Who are you really blaming for the controversy?
- How many people were mad when they realized that University Village sponsors the band?
- Could that be the reason why they throw fines left and right?
- Speaking of finances, since when did PV get enough money to send people to New York all willy-nilly?
- Who was mad that the cable came back on after the BET Hip-Hop Awards went off?
- So should girls just completely give up on the thought of becoming an AKA?
- Who still has turkey legs for Homecoming caravan stored in their freezer?
- Who keeps begging for people to join their Facebook group?
- Who is the girl running through the football team?
- Doesn't she know they always win?
- Who was the girl walking through the phases with a satin shower cap cocked to the side like a beret to match her outfit?
- When will the black foxes retire those ponytails?
- Are you still thinking about pledging?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

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